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Fitchburg Downs Harvard 1-0

Highlights Of The Freshman Initiation

On September twenty-fourth the Freshman were correctly attired in the Frosh regalia. Shoe shine kits were carried in the market bags and the Freshmen shined the shoes of the honorable upper classmen in humble submission.

September twenty-third all Freshmen reported to the gym at 12:30 where they pushed peanuts across the floor, gave piggy back rides, proposed to the fair sex, and played Ring Around the Rosie.

The Freshman exhibited their talents in the assembly hall and did various stunts on September twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth.

On Tuesday, September twentyninth, the Freshman Minstrel was given under the direction of Bob Geddes Star performers were Raymond Lowe as The Man On the Flying (Continued On Page Three)

Women Plan Active Season In Hockey

This year the young women at Fitchburg Teachers College plan to do big things in hockey. It's "Hockey Year" in America for the International Hockey Association is holding its second annual meeting in Philadelphia. All veteran players can appreciate having a field of our own and this news is further enhanced by the fact that we shall have new cages, new balls, new shinguard—and a number of new players.

Miss Bolger and Jerry Lyons started off this new hockey season on Tuesday, Sept. 29 with such veterans as (Continued On Page Four)

J. V's Held Scoreless On Rain Soaked Field

Freshmen Shape Up Well in Opening Game

Playing on a field that was like a hockey rink the F. T. C. team scored the only goal early in the first period of the game, and then fought to hold the slim margin of safety.

Due to lack of experience, the team work of Fitchburg was ragged at times compared with the Harvard passing attack, but the spirit was so much better that the boys would not admit defeat.

The constant rushing of the plays by the Backfield men caused the Harvard team to miss their shots constantly. Wasink played a fine game and his work in the goal was outstanding. The work of the three Freshmen is to be commended as they played well considering the amount of experience they have had.

Vorse, Aykroyd, and Loiko show great promise and thould see more varsity competition this season. The team missed the steady work of Coach Moore in the backfield very much! and we hope to have him back in form again soon. The other members of the team played a good game, but not up to the standard of which they are capable, due to the short time allowed for practice.

The lone goal was scored by Waring, who caged the ball on a well-aimed shot.

After this tally the game see-sawed back and forth with several brilliant saves by both goalies. The team suffered greatly by the absence of Matty (Continued On Page Three)

Worm's-Eye-View of Girls' Initiation

Tramp, tramp up to a far away suite on the third floor (we'll never tell which one) "What cha name, what cha age, what cha here for? Oh, don't interrupt, for we know, anyhow. What cha think of the fellows in Palmer Hall? So you don't know any yet? Sweet child, aren't you? Oh, so your imperial highness approves of one? Who pray is said honored person? Rathburn Snivelsap? You don't say? Well, you just go right up to R. Snivelsap tomorrow and shower your affections on paper and see that it is sent to the dear boy at the break of dav."

"Clarrissa" read the dread system.

1. Tomorrow and for a week hence you are to appear in public in a ghastly sack (purchased at Rollo's).

Yes, you can shed your sack to go to church, dearie."

2. Don't even as much as open your mouth in the presence of the (Continued On Page Three)

Dramatic Club to Do "Nothing But the Truth"

Tryouts for James Montgomery's "Nothing But The Truth" were held Tuesday, September 30th, in the large Assembly Hall; when the majority of the members of the Dramatic Club responded to the call for talent. Miss Nixon, Dr. Percival, and Mr. Carpenter acted as judges and together assembled a promising cast.

The leading man, Bob Bennett, who bets that he can tell the truth for twenty-four hours, will be portrayed by Joe Rush of Boston, who is well-known on campus for previous ap
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Editorial

Your Editor greets you, and urges such conduct in the next four years as will best fit you for adult life and its responsibilities. He suggests scrutiny of the three following rules as a definite step in the right direction.

- 1. Learn to get along with people. Make others appreciate your abilities by showing a proper respect for theirs.
- 2. Cultivate cheerfulness. That is self-explanatory, and the rewards are great.
- 3. Work. You cannot get ahead without sincere application. There is no easy road to success—here or anywhere.

Donald Lytle.

Freshman Opinions

"What were your impressions of the Freshman initiation?"

- a. I thought it was foolish but I enjoyed parts of it.
- b. I thought it did me a lot of good.
- c. I thought it was a good way to get acquainted with the upper classmen.
- d. It left certain impressions with me—deeply seated.
- e. Ridicule next to cynicism is the lowest of human activities.

The five best expressions by Freshmen of the initiation.

The Ash Tray

Having been as an "uncle" to this column in its infancy under Jim Earley, it is with what I think fitting humility that I become the first of its godfathers in its age of pig-tails and gangling legs.

The letter box: This useful (?) organ will be continued; let whoever is writing it have the benefit of your suggestions. 'Nuff said.

A young Jesuit Scholar was talking with another young man who was starting a new school of philosophy. "That's all very well," said the Jesuit, who was steeped in philosophy," but what is your basic principle?"

"I think, therefore I am", answered the man proudly.

"My dear fellow", rejoined the Jesuit, "I am afraid you are getting Descartes before the horse."

By special delivery a letter from Betty Power, '36, containing an uproarously funny description of taking a bath in a "pitcher", yet under the light vein ran the serious thoughts of homesickness and disillusionment.

Over-heard the sugges'ion that we sing some of the modern semi-classics in assembly. It sounds interesting but we wonder.

I wonder how many of you were as disappointed in the cinema version of "Anthony Adverse" as I was?

Thoughts Unbound-The Freshman girls and their ducks et all, recalled my own mud-pie days What trick of fate makes a man a columnist?___Add to things I like the nostalgic quality and the smell of burning leaves___Sir Thomas Moore should have heard some of our political promises before writing "Utopia"___ Mr. Harrington has a grand sense of the "punny"___The social advantages of a small college____Harvard, with all H.B.D. her snooty glory, could not control the

weather___The substantial feeling of being in school and not in the bread

Your columnist finds the existing informality between the faculty and the student body most refreshing. Let's continue on that basis.

A Freshman vote of thanks is due the upperclassmen for the fine Freshman Reception.

__Ken Killay

Class sees Harvard's Peabody Museum

The Social History class visited the Peabody Anthropological Museum at Harvard University on Monday last, October 7th. Of particular interest to the students, who have been studying prehistoric cultures, was the display of implements and finely-constructed models in the Indian section.

DRAMATIC CLUB

(Continued From Page One) pearances in dramatics. Dolores Sullivan, who has continued in T. C. her successful stage work started in St. Bernards High School, Fitchburg, will play Mrs. Ralston. Kal Kansaniva of Maynard, and Ernie Savoy of Athol, both well-known to our Teachers College stage, will play Van Dusen and Dick, respectively. George Carey of Worcester, will characterize Bishop Doran who would have everyone do the right thing, except possibly himself. Mable and Sable, two girls who believe that every man has his price (and find every woman has too) will be played by Ethel Crit hley and Barbara Whitmore, both of Firaburg. classes at Teachers College, and woo has appeared in local dramatics, will be Mr. Ralston. Marion Rene of Rochester N. Y. as Gwen, and Helen Gibson of Lunenburg at Ethel, will both make their first appearance in this school's dramatics. These two girls have shown great promise not only in tryouts but in first rehearsals. Martha, the maid, will be played by Mildred Slattery of Fitchburg.

It is anticipated by all that this fast moving three act comedy will not only equal but surpass any previous production of this organization.

W. A. A. Welcomes Frosh

The gym was the scene of a party given by the W. A. A. to the freshman girls on the afternoon of September 24th. The main purpose of the gathering was to reveal to the freshmen the team of their future loyalty—whether black, orange, or white. All those present were divided into five groups, representing five well-known colleges, with banners as symbols.

President Ethel Critchley opened the meeting by introducing the board individually. After a grand march, the W. A. A. song and the three team songs were sung. The lusty cheers of the college rooters mingled with the mirth of onlookers when balloon races and a human-croquet game were in progress. The freshman girls then searched in various crannies of the gym for emblems that would tell them their team-future. The serving of Hoodsies and brownies informally closed the meeting.

FITCHBURG DOWNS HARVARD 1-0

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Godek, who because of training, was unable to make the trip. The lineups consisted of:

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Harvard	Position	F.T.C.
Gray	Goal	Wasink
Gesline	R. F.	Loiko
Sheridan	L. F. ;	Daniels
E. Whitney	С. Н.	Creamer
Whitken	R. H.	McDonald
Rabenald	O. R.	Mahoney
Burbank	L. H.	Minich
Sachs	I. R.	Vorse
Carter	C. F.	Ladner
Grandin	I. L.	Aykroyd
Sinnott	O. L.	Waring
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SUBSTITUTES:

Harvard: Rieken, G,; Morrisson, R. F.; O'Connor, C.H.; White, L. H.: Fraley, O.R.; Alexandre, I. R.; Whittmore, C. F.

Fitchburg: Owens, I. L; Forgues, C. F.; Moore, R. F.; Kansaniva, C. F. Goals: Waring 8:35 First period.

In the evening the Soccer squad was the guest of the SHAMROCKS professional football team. This treat was the result of Mr. Colson's friendship with manager Mr. McIntyre, and Coach George Kennely

Difficult Schedule Ahead In Soccer

The prospects for the present Soccer season are at the present very promising. Coach Moore has a large squad of upperclassmen and freshman working out every day. Although the veterans of last year are few, the material is very good.

With one game under their belt, the team should go to town against their opponents. The Alumni, while made up of former stars, lacked the finished teamwork of a regular team, yet they furnished a busy afternoon for the Varsity.

The veterans of last year, led by Captain McDonald and supplemented by the scrubs of last year and some talented Freshmen, are fast becoming a smooth working unit that will cause much trouble for future opponents.

With a tough schedule ahead, Coach Moore is working the boys hard, and the results will offset the work that is so necessary now. The ones that are showing the most promise now are the ones that will be making history in the future.

The Team deserves the support of all the school and as most of the games are on the Lome field, they should be well attended.

The members of the squad are:
Coach Hollis Moore, Captain Everett
McDonald, Wasink, Daniels, Creamer,
Minick, Mahoney, Ladner, Godek,
Waring, Vorse, O'Sheasy, Braconier
Fardy, Forgues, Baker, Donovan,
Aykroyd, Bercume, Owens, Lacouture,
Rush, Harry Moore, Gearin, Loiko,
Donnelly, Galbraith, Stanley, and
O'Connell.

October 3, Alumni 5-2 October 7, Harvard J. V. 1-0 October 10, Springfield J. V.

(Away)

October 21, Harvard J. V.
October 24, Clark
October 31, American International
November 7, Bridgewater

It is said that the late King George took for his guiding motto in life this truism: "The secret of life is not to do what one likes to do, but try to like what one has to do.

The members of the Modern Drama Class have engaged their seats for Madame Nazimova's production of Ibsen's Hedda Gabler, to be given in The Colonial Theater in Boston during the week of October 20. Miss Nixon began the course with a study of Ibsen and emphasized the play Hedda Gabler so that class would see staged the drama which they had so recently studied.

GIRLS' INITIATION
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strong sex. No—not even if they ask
you a civil question. They won't."

- 3. "Don't let a bit of make up darken that hideous mess you, perhaps, refer to as your face."
- 4. "Have your gorgeous locks combed back straight and tied with a dinky little string. What! You have natural curly hair, and can't get it back straight? Wall, soak that permanent out, or we will.—Say Gladys, yank those 89 curlers out of Merrybell's blond tresses, will ya, and we'll see how natural curly her hair is."
- 5. "Treat your fair upperclassmen with utmost respect—always calling us "dear upperclassmen", and meaning it".

"Well, now ya can all go back to your little beds 'cause we're tired and wanna go to bed!

"Ho hum! We're so so happy in our little dormitory."

FRESHMAN INITIATION

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Trapeze, Wes Aykroyd, in an interprative dance F. Houghton reciting
"Trees," and R. Gearin, tap dancing.

At four o'clock on September thirtieth the Freshmen began their grand march to the athletic field. They were blindfolded and hung to a rope which guided them over hills and under fences. The Freshmen were unsuccessful in their attempt to pull over a tree to which their rope was tied, believing the sophomores were at the other end of the rope. Three legged races were held and the tug of war between the Freshmen and Sophomores was held which was easily won by the Sophomores. The activities closed with the burning of the bags and the singing of Alma Mater.

Sports Chatter

Congratulations to Mr. Colson on his recently acquired position. Here's hoping we get a new gym and a better athletic field.

The school looks forward to the coming of it's new Physical Director, Mr. Healy.

Now that the student body is sure that there is only one h in Mahoney may we submit a new moniker, "one bump".

Holly Moore is sure doing a great job with the soccer team. Best wishes for a successful season.

Intra-mural sports started off with a bang. The first game was postponed.

Unknown talent discovered in our midst. McNeil, of the rocket ship McNeils, turns out to be a soccer referee. Nice job, Mac, although we didn't see the game.

Jeffrey must be out for cross-country track the way he trots back and forth from Groton.

We wonder why Jerrey Mc Dowell moved so close to the sg ool and especially Miller Hall.

The Freshman girls can no longer boast about their navy blue longs because the Sophomores will give them something to think about when they see their dark brown ones.

Attention GIRLS, you now have a field of your own and what's more it has lines.

The Freshman girls turned out eagerly for hockey practice Tuesday, bubbling over with so much energy that, while playing, one young lady broke a stick in half___upper classmen take heed.

QUESTION?

At a recent meeting on the Sophomore class this interesting issue was discussed. Should action be taken again t those appearing, at an all school social in other than the specified attire? This is a question vital to all. On it depends the success or failure of your socials. For the most part this is a matter of good sportsmanship. What is your attitude?

HOCKEY

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Ethel Critchley, Alice Dempsey, Bessie
Fisk, Anne Ward, Dolores Sullivan,
Marjorie Blazo, Martha Gay, Lois
White, Beulah Mitchell Ma,ry
Coombs, Constance Day, Mildred
Slattery, Norma Richardson, Helen
McAuliff, Mary Disken, Mary Chase,
Merelis Cote, Edith Buckingham, and
Marie Neudorf.

Practice for Juniors and Freshmen was 'held on Wednesday. Jerry expects great things from the Freshmen this year because they seem to have some good hockey material. They kept the Juniors on their toes throughout the practice. Among their players we find Ruth Hughes, a veteran player from Concord High School-Others include Elizabeth O'Conner, Helen Devecis, Mary Owens, Vera Kenney, Ruth Lagsdin, Helen Nortonen, Barbara Baldwin, Priscilla Leighton, Eva Trafton, Frances McCarthy, Helen Whitcomb, Nellie Meskinis, Virginia Schmidt, Mary Shea, and Barbara Fisher. The Juniors were well represented by Mary Hannifan, Arline Molaghan, Malion Burwick, Sip Tastula, and Flo Lovell.

Anna Cifford '39, former star of Worcester North High School, was unable to play hockey last season due to an injury, but this year she's in the pink of condition, which adds to the

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Every gym class except the Senior class is taking up hockey this fall so we should have some real hockey technique!

"Nothing But the Truth" has gone into rehearsal and we are eagerly awaiting its production.

Off this afternoon in an antiquated Ford to follow aimlessly some seldom travelled country roads and to marvel at the scenery. Never have I seen more beautiful and myriad colored landscapes than in New England in the Autumn along about sunset.

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